



While it looks like we're in for 6 more weeks of winter, we've got plenty of news to keep things hot in this bimonthly 2015 edition of the Trainer Community update.

The 2015 EPA National Building Competition! Registration for this annual energy and water efficiency competition is open now through May 31st! Got big plans to cut your energy and water "wasteline" in 2015? Do you work with organizations that would like to earn EPA recognition? Now's the time to form teams, get them registered to compete, and make sure your 2014 baseline data is in order. Winners are those buildings and teams who reduce their energy or water use the greatest on a weather normalized, percentage basis. **Join us on February 10th** for a webinar to learn why you should participate. [Register for this event now!](#) Can't make it? No problem - download the annotated presentation from the [Trainer Community website](#).

New additions to the DataTrends series! The Portfolio Manager DataTrends series is the first-ever analysis of aggregate data stored within ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, pulled from a pool of hundreds of thousands of commercial buildings across the United States. In February, EPA will publish an expanded set of DataTrends that give you a peek into the energy use and property data trends for 16 types of buildings benchmarked in Portfolio Manager. Check out the complete suite of DataTrends resources, soon to be updated, at www.energystar.gov/datatrends.

Portfolio Manager updates. EPA recently announced the 2015 Priorities for Portfolio Manager. We'll be updating all Portfolio Manager account holders later this month about these priorities, but want to make sure you hear about it first! The top 5 priority Portfolio Manager enhancements, also listed at www.energystar.gov/buildingshelp, are:

- **Green Button download and upload capabilities:** create upload/download capability for use with Green Button. (*Coming February 10!*)
- **Meter page improvements:** facilitate adding/editing meter data, and include web services to associate a single meter.
- **Reporting:** allow for more than 2 time periods for each report.
- **Score "N/A" messages:** improve communication with user. Currently, if a property can earn a score but has incomplete data to generate the score, only an EUI will display. In the future, a hyperlinked "N/A" will display which will tell you why no score appears.
- **Enhanced data quality checking:** implement suite of changes to help you fix N/A values, and create a prominent alert for N/A within the data request process.

Meanwhile, we've been working hard on other improvements which we'll announce later in February. All enhancements, new and upcoming, are tracked [here](#).

We look forward to bringing you news about ENERGY STAR resources and opportunities throughout 2015! Until next time, please direct any questions to

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